

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Dear Secretary Dortch: Please Listen to me.

I recently lost my husband, my job and my husband's Social Security check. My electricity has gone up 8 1/2%, land-line phone up, homeowner's insurance up, Medicare Part A, up 17% last year and 13 1/2% for this coming year as well as prescriptions, and food, etc. My Social Security check does not go up anywhere near my increased expenses. I am less better off than I was a year to 2 years ago.

The flat-fee Universal Service Fund proposal is unfair. I urge you to oppose this plan. I am one of the millions of consumers that will be unfairly taxed at a higher rate under the flat fee plan. The flat-fee would mean a tax hike for people like me -- consumers that use prepaid cellular phones or make very few long distance calls. I have it for emergency calls only.

I support the Keep USF Fair Coalition, and monitor this issue on their website. Stopping the flat fee tax is important to me - not to mention my pocket book. You will hear from me again, until this issue is resolved fairly! The flat-fee is unfair, and un-American. I recently lost my husband, my job and my husband's Social Security check. My electricity has gone up 8 1/2%, land-line phone up, homeowner's insurance up, Medicare Part A, up 17% last year and 13 1/2% for this coming year as well as prescriptions, and food, etc. My Social Security check does not go up anywhere near my increased expenses. I am less better off than I was a year to 2 years ago.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as high-volume residential or business customers. I urge you to reject this flat-fee proposal.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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